

Claims:

1. A safety razor blade unit comprising a frame with a guard and a cap, and two or more blades with spaced substantially parallel sharp cutting edges, wherein the average inter-blade span is not greater than 1.25mm, and the wash through index (as herein defined) of the blade unit is not less than 0.20.
2. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1, wherein the wash through index is at least 0.25.
3. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the average inter-blade span is from 0.70mm to 1.20mm.
4. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 1,2 or 3, wherein three or more blades are provided and the inter-blade spans between adjacent blades are substantially equal.
5. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the blade span of the first blade is from 0.60 to 0.90mm.
6. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 5, wherein the blade span of the first blade is about 0.70mm.
7. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein there are three blades, and the average inter-blade span is in the range of 1.00 to 1.20mm.
8. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 7, wherein the average inter-blade span is about 1.10mm.

9. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein there are four blades and the average inter-blade span is not greater than 1.20mm.
10. A safety razor blade unit according to anyone of the preceding claims wherein each blade comprises a substantially planar strip.
11. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 10, wherein the blade strip is carried on a blade support which is narrower than the strip and does not extend rearwardly beyond the rear edge of the strip.
12. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 11, wherein the blade support comprises a bar with substantially parallel front and rear faces and a forwardly and upwardly inclined top face.
13. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 12, wherein the top face of the blade support bar is inclined to the front face thereof at an angle of 65° to 70° .
14. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 11, 12 or 13, wherein the blade support has downwardly extending legs at the ends thereof received within slots formed in ends of the frame.
15. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the blades are movable within the frame under forces imparted on the blades during shaving.
16. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 15, wherein the blades are movable independently of each other against the action of return springs.

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17. A safety razor blade unit according to claim 14, wherein the legs of the blade support are slidable in the slots and guide the blade carried by the blade support for movement under forces applied to the blade during shaving, and spring elements are positioned to act on the lower ends of the legs for urging the supported blade upwardly to a normal rest position.

18. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the cap includes a strip of lubricating material with a width of at least three times the average inter-blade span.

19. A safety razor blade unit according to any one of the preceding claims wherein the guard includes a strip of elastomeric material with five upstanding parallel fins extending therealong.

20. A safety razor comprising a handle and a blade unit carried on the handle, the blade unit carried on the handle, the blade unit being as defined in any one of the preceding claims.